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HIGH-LEVEL COMMITTEE ON THE REVIEW
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OVERALL FRAMEWORK FOR THE PROMOTION AND APPLICATION OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Proposal by the Group of 77 and China

The High-level Committee,

Recalling its decision 9/3 of 2 June 1995,

Taking note of the guidelines for the review of policies and procedures concerning technical cooperation among developing countries approved by the Administrative Committee on Coordination,

Taking note also of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme,

1. Takes note of the views and comments expressed at the tenth session of the High-level Committee on making more effective the application of the guidelines for the review of policies and procedures concerning technical cooperation among developing countries in order to ensure greater use of the technical cooperation among developing countries modality in the United Nations system;

2. Commends the United Nations agencies that have taken measures to apply the guidelines approved by the Administrative Committee on Coordination and urges the organizations and agencies that have not yet done so to take similar measures in order to ensure uniformity and consistency in the application of the guidelines;

3. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to carry out consultations on the guidelines with the organizations and agencies of the United Nations system, taking into account the views expressed by Member States and the new directions strategy for technical cooperation among developing countries, and to submit recommendations on the subject to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council at its 1997 substantive session, for further consideration and approval;

4. Notes with appreciation the increased financial resources for technical cooperation among developing countries allocated by the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme for the programming period 1997-1999 and, in the light of the expanding utilization of this modality, requests the Executive Board to review periodically the volume of resources allocated for the promotion of technical cooperation among developing countries;

5. Stresses the need to mobilize further additional financial resources with a view to enabling the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries to implement effectively and operationalize the new directions strategy on technical cooperation among developing countries;

6. Emphasizes the need to strengthen adequately the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries to enable it to execute its responsibilities effectively;

7. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, in relation to the mandated functions and increasing responsibilities of the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, to ensure that the Special Unit is adequately staffed in accordance with the decisions of the High-level Committee at its ninth session;

8. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to report to the High-level Committee at its eleventh session on the implementation of the present decision.